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FOREWORD

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to express the heartfelt thanks of the Columbia Historical Society for the able and exhaustive work of Mr. Louis Dow Scisco in voluntarily preparing an Analytical Index of the Society's records. The latter comprise probably the most extensive collection of reliable information on the history of our Nation's Capital, constantly searched and referred to by researchers in this field of study and frequently affording them clues to further investigation of their subjects.

Mr. Scisco's contribution will inevitably be of very great assistance to them and adds immeasurably to the value and usefulness of our Records. The time and labor he has devoted to the task will have earned for him the gratitude of countless researchers now and in the future. We are happy and proud to be able by his generous permission to make public the first volume of his Index, which covers the contents of the first ten volumes of our Records, for

" In such indexes, . . there is seen
The baby figure of the giant mass
Of things to come at large."

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